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SUBJECT: SAFETY BELT LAW AND USAGE SURVEY

REF: A. STATE 180684 B. BONN A-312, 5-16-73

1. AS REPORTED IN BONN'S AIRGRAM 312 OF MAY 16, 1973
(REF B), INITIAL LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE IN-
STALLATION OF SAFETY BELTS (2 FRONT SEATS ONLY)
BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974, FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES
UP TO A GROSS WEIGHT OF 2.8 TONS (PASSENGER CARS AND
LIGHT WEIGHT TRUCKS), WHICH WERE NEWLY REGISTERED
AFTER JANUARY 1, 1974. AN ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE
"FRG REGULATIONS CONCERNING ADMISSABILITY TO HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC" WAS APPROVED BY THE CABINET ON AUGUST 13 AND
SENT TO THE BUNDESRAT FOR CONCURRENCE ON AUGUST 14,
1974. IT PROVIDES THAT USAGE OF SAFETY BELTS WILL
BECOME MANDATORY IN ALL VEHICLES WHERE SAFETY BELTS HAD
TO BE INSTALLED UNDER THE REGULATION CITED ABOVE.
NON-COMPLIANCE IS NOT SUBJECT TO FINES, BUT INSURANCE
COMPANIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY MAY LIMIT THEIR
LIABILITY IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS WHERE SEATBELTS WERE
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NOT WORN. THE AMENDMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE THE INSTALL-

ATION OF THREE-POINT SEAT BELTS FOR THE TWO FRONT SEATS FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES UP TO A GROSS WEIGHT OF 2.8 TONS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 1970 AND DECEMBER 31, 1973. THE AMENDMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1976 AND BELTS MUST BE INSTALLED AT THE LATEST WHEN THE AFFECTED VEHICLES ARE PRESENTED TO THE FRG MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION AUTHORITIES IN THE COURSE OF 1976.

2. CORRESPONDENCE ON THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: MINISTERIALRAT DR. HERRMANN, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, 53 BONN-BAD GODESBERG, POSTFACH 100. CASH

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